



Forest Ridge Newsletter

October 2018

Forest Ridge Elementary



Mark your Calendar!

Hansen Foods Fundraiser, September 28th - October 12th

Friday, October 5th Smencils Sale during lunch

Monday, October 8th BOE Deerfield 6:00 pm

Tuesday, October 9th Oak Creek Fire Department Visit K-3 1:00 pm

Tuesday, October 9th PTO meeting 6:00 pm

Wednesday, October 10th Kindergarten field trip to Swan's Pumpkin Farm

Friday, October 12th 1st grade field trip to Schlitz Audubon (Ms. Stieber)

Friday, October 12th Fall Fest 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, October 16th 1st grade field trip to Schlitz Audubon (Ms. Barlow & Ms. Brehm)

Wednesday, October 18th and 24th Conferences and Pictures 3:30 pm - 8:30 pm

October 18th -24th Book Fair in Room 128(Learning Center)

Monday, October 22nd 4K Conferences and Pictures

Monday, October 22nd Vision Screening K and 3rd grade

Monday, October 22nd PTO Culver's Day 10:00 am to 10:00 pm

Monday, 22nd BOE Meeting at Deerfield 6:00

Wednesday, October 24th Art Docent Field Trip

Thursday, October 25th Spirit Day - Packer Day

Thursday, October 25th 3rd Grade Field Trip to Old World Wisconsin

Thursday, October 25th Popcorn Day

Friday, October 26th No School

Wednesday, October 30th 4th and 5th grade Field Trip to Milw. Art Museum & Milw Symphony Orchestra

Principal's Message

Dear Forest Ridge Parents and Guardians,

It has been a great first month of school and we hope that you and your child have settled into a nice routine. Our students have done an outstanding job following our expectations in all areas of the building.

I want to begin by thanking everyone for making our first all-school event a big success. The Moving and Grooving Rock-a-Thon brought in donations for our PTO and got our entire school and families together for a nice walk around the school on a very hot day. Thank you to the Forest Ridge PTO, all the volunteers and Mrs. Lofy for organizing this event.

Our next PTO meeting is Tuesday, October 9th, 2018 at 6:00 pm. Topics will include determining where funds should be designated to and planning upcoming events. Don't forget about the Fall Festival on Friday, October 12th and the Forest Ridge Day at Culvers on Monday, October 22nd. I hope to see you at these upcoming events.

Parent/teacher conferences will be held on October 18th & 24th. School pictures will be taken on both days. If you haven't signed up with your child's teacher, please contact them this week. Our goal is to have 100% of our parents and families attend conferences in October. Our students will experience more success as we continue to build upon the home-school partnership.

Thank you for all the support you give our school. If you have a question, concern or a problem please contact your child's teacher or myself.

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September Facts-

- September Attendance Rate 96.5%
- Congrats to the Yellow Bus and Green Bus for being the School Bus of the Month
- PBIS September Theme-Community
- PBIS October Theme-Respect

Notes from Mrs. Munson: Ambassadors

The 2018-2019 Forest Ridge Ambassadors have been selected! This year, 4th and 5th grade students had to be nominated by their teacher for a chance to apply for Ambassadors. Students who submitted thoughtful, self-reflective applications were chosen to represent Forest Ridge and lead throughout the year as an Ambassador.

The Ambassadors will have many important responsibilities throughout this school year. Some of these responsibilities include helping with Red Ribbon Week, food drives, and other fundraisers and events. Ambassadors will assist our teachers and younger students by being helpers and Homework Heroes. They will help to promote and implement PBIS by being Leaders of the PACK (Peaceful And Caring Kids). Lastly, all Ambassadors will get the chance to volunteer with Salvation Army by ringing bells at Woodman's.

Please congratulate our 4th & 5th grade Ambassadors for being selected as leaders of Forest Ridge!

Fall Festival

Friday, October 12th from 5:00pm to 7:00pm

RSVP by October 5th

The cost is \$5.00 per person.
The price includes an all-beef hot dog, chips, bottle water and a caramel apple sundae.

All kids will get to pick a pumpkin in the pumpkin patch. There will be lots of different games stations and a Pumpkin Decorating area. Get yourself decorated as well with our face painting. Check out the Lair of the Spider Queen and try your luck at Pumpkin golf. All activities and a pumpkin for each child are included in the cost. Halloween costumes may be worn, but please no weapons or items that may pose a danger to others.



Red Ribbon Week

Forest Ridge will promote Red Ribbon Week from **Monday, Oct. 22nd - Thursday, Oct. 25th**

Red Ribbon Week is all about prevention. As a school, we will focus on how to make healthy, safe choices in order to better our lives. We focus on respecting ourselves as well as others. We pledge as a school to be drug-free and bully-free! Red Ribbon Week is sponsored by the National Family Partnership to promote schools making good choices. For more information, visit <http://redribbon.org/about/>

October is also National Bullying Prevention Month, which is a campaign in the United States founded in 2006 by PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center. The campaign is held during the month of October and unites communities nationwide to educate and raise awareness of bullying prevention. For more information, visit <http://www.stompoutbullying.org/index.php/campaigns/national-bullying-prevention-awareness-month/>

This year's Spirit Days: Monday, Oct. 22nd - Thursday, Oct. 25th

Monday, October 22nd – “A Healthy Me is Drug Free”... Everyone should dress in athletic gear to promote making healthy life choices. Kids are also encouraged to try exercising and bringing in extra healthy snacks/lunches all week.

Tuesday, October 23rd – “Mix-It-Up Day”... Today we ask students to move out of their comfort zones and connect with someone new over lunch (within their grade level) and at recess! They can also wear mismatched clothing to remind themselves to sit somewhere new or try to make a new friend.

Wednesday, October 24th – “Drug and Bully Free = A Bright Future”... Everyone should dress for success in their best clothes. Let's celebrate how making good choices can turn kids into the best adults they can be!

Thursday, October 25th – “Red Ribbon Day”... Everyone should wear RED, RED, RED in support of being drug-free and bully-free!

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News & Announcements

Cold Weather Ahead

Please make sure your children come to school dressed for the weather. Hats, gloves, jackets, snow pants and boots should be worn everyday when the weather is cold, wet or snowy. Please consider writing your students name on or in their clothing in case it gets lost.

The cold and flu season is sneaking up on us. Please don't send your child to school if he or she is ill with symptoms of fever or has been vomiting. Reinforce good health habits with your children like covering their mouth when coughing or sneezing and participating in frequent hand washing.

Remember a student cannot have prescribed, over the counter medication, or inhalers at school without a signed permission form from their doctor. You can send cough drops to school with a signed note. Please administer necessary cold or pain medications at home before they come to school and plan the next dose when they return home at the end of the school day.

Importance of Regular Attendance

Attending school on a regular basis is important. For your child to be successful in school they need to attend each day. The doors open at 7:50 am and classes start at 8:00 am. When a child arrives late for school a parent/guardian needs to escort that child to the office and sign them in. Please make every effort not to bring your children in late or pick them up early. Whenever possible, schedule appointments on no-school days or after school hours.

After School Transportation

Parents, we need to know of changes in after school transportation with a note or phone call to 574-4050 before 2:00 pm to the school office. We can not guarantee any after school changes after 2:00 pm. Thanks for your attention to this important student safety procedure.



PTO Information

Happy Fall!!! As the weather changes and the students are finally settling in to a school routine, we have many fun events planned for the month to help us in funding some field trips both for our regular grade levels AND for our specials classes such as music and art.

Thanks to all that were able to make it to our first event, our 3rd annual Rock a Thon, where the students collected pledges and then walked laps around the school to music with their friends and family members that were able to come! A nice blend of fun AND physical activity makes for a successful event every time! Thanks to awesome participation the event brought in almost \$5000 for our school! Thank you so much to our sponsors for donating all the awesome prizes we were able to hand out to the students. And thank you to all the families that donated! We couldn't have successful events without you!! Special thank you to Mrs. Lofy for organizing such a great event.

Next up is our Hansen foods fundraiser which starts Friday, September 28th. This is new to us this year and we are really excited to see how we do. Students will be selling pizza/cookies/candies and gifts that will be delivered in time for the holidays! We decided to go with this particular company this year because it's always our goal to "shop local" and Hansen foods is a family owned company out of Green Bay! Really looking forward to getting that started!

We will also be having our annual fall festival on Oct. 12th, where students and their families can come to enjoy food, games, face painting and fun! The children even get to pick their very own pumpkin out of the Forest Ridge pumpkin patch!! We can't wait to see all the kids in their awesome Halloween costumes!

Our fall book fair will run concurrently with our fall parent teacher conferences; always a very successful event and much appreciated by staff as we try to "fill" teacher wish lists with books!! Last but not least our Culver's night is scheduled for October 22nd. The flyer will come home soon so be on the lookout. Hope you can join us to support our school! Have a great month!

Forest Ridge PTO

Links:

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